

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A water kettle comprising:
a receptacle (1; 121) with an inner space (2) for accommodating water (3) therein;
a pouring spout (4) for pouring water (3) from the inner space (2); and
a particle catcher (9; 39; 69; 99; 139) for catching particles (13, 14; 133) from water in the kettle, characterized in that the particle catcher (9; 39; 69; 99; 139) is situated in ~~a~~an outer region of the inner space (2) of the receptacle (1; 121) in which a downward flow obtains during heating of water in the kettle ~~and has~~while the kettle is in an upright position, the particle catcher (9; 39; 69; 99; 139) having an inlet (11; 101; 131) for catching the descending particles (13, 14; 133) which is directed upwards when the kettle is in an upright position.
2. (original) A water kettle as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a filter (8; 38; 68) for filtering water (3) during pouring, wherein the particle catcher (9; 39; 69) in the pouring state is situated upstream of the filter (8; 38; 68), and wherein the inlet (11) is situated below the filter (8; 38; 68) for catching descending particles (13, 14) in the region of the filter (8; 38; 68) when the kettle is in an upright position.
3. (original) A water kettle as claimed in claim 2, wherein the inlet (11) of the particle catcher (9; 39; 69) is

positioned such that a passage of particles (13, 14) between the filter (8; 38; 68) and the inlet (11) is prevented.

4. (original) A water kettle as claimed in claim 3, wherein the inlet (11) of the particle catcher (9; 39; 69) directly adjoins the filter (8; 38; 68) substantially along its entire side situated at the side of the filter (8; 38; 68), or directly adjoins a wall extending in downward direction from the filter (8; 38; 68).

5. (previously amended) A water kettle as claimed in claim 2, wherein the filter (8; 38; 68) has a filter passage (16) with a given total width, and wherein the inlet (11) of the particle catcher (9; 39; 69) is wider than said given total width of the filter passage (16).

6. (previously amended) A water kettle as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one guide (19; 49; 79; 139) above the inlet (11; 101; 131) of the particle catcher (9; 39; 69; 99; 129).

7. (previously amended) A water kettle as claimed in claim 2, wherein the guide is situated inward of the filter (8; 38; 68).

8. (previously amended) A water kettle as claimed in claim 6, wherein the guide comprises at least one guiding blade (19; 49; 139) which, with the water kettle is in the upright position, extends from top to bottom in an obliquely sloping outward direction towards a region situated above the inlet (11; 131).

9. (previously amended) A water kettle as claimed in claim 6, further comprising at least two individual guides (19; 49; 139), one situated at least partly above the other, when the water kettle is in the upright position.

10. (previously amended) A water kettle as claimed in claim 2, wherein the filter (8) and the particle catcher (9) form part of an assembly (21; 71) which can be taken from the receptacle (1), and wherein a wall portion (22) of the particle catcher (9) is displaceable with respect to the filter (8) so as to provide a passage (23) in the particle catcher (9) other than the inlet (11).

11. (original) A water kettle as claimed in claim 10, wherein the moveable wall portion of the particle catcher (99) can be shifted with respect to the filter (8).

12. (previously amended) A water kettle as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a lid (65) which is provided with a recess through which said assembly (71) can be taken out and which is substantially filled up by said assembly (71) in the operational state for closing off an upper side of the kettle.

13. (previously amended) A water kettle as claimed in claim 1, comprising at least two said particle catchers (129), each integrated with guiding blades (139), which guiding blades (139) are situated one above the other and define channels (149) which have a bend or corner in a central particle catcher portion (129), said central particle catcher portion (129) at the same time forming a lowermost portion of the channel (149).

14. (previously amended) An assembly (21) of a particle catcher (9) and a filter (8) for use in a water kettle as claimed in claim 1.